THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) Ministry of Commerce do not maintain state-wise data of exports. The total export from India to Bangladesh, Burma and Thailand during the last three years are given below:

Country	Exports in Rupees (In Cr.)		
	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Burma	71.10	100.94	140.61
Thailand	1276.65	1581.91	1577.09
Bangladesh	2024.13	3509.09	2912.41

(b) The Central Government in its Export-Import Policy (1997-2002), have provided that Export Houses, Star Trading Houses etc. will be given special Import Licences at 1% of the total turnover from the North Eastern States. The other steps which have been taken to facilitate trade between the North Eastern States and East Asian Countries, include banking, customs, immigration and other trading arrangements including border trade.

(c) The border trade via Moreh in Manipur corresponding to Tamu in Myanmar has been operationalised from 12.4.95. The border trade via the second point, as envisaged in the Border Trade Agreement between India and Myanmar, Viz Champai in Mizoram corresponding to Rih in Myanmar is likely to be operationalised as soon as the infrastructural facilities and other arrangements are completed.

(d) No, Sir. At present there is no such proposal.

India's International Trade

2670. SHRI SURESH PRABHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the growth in India's international trade in terms of volume and value during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government have drawn up any new strategy to boost the foreign trade including identification of products and prospective markets including exports diversification; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) The growth in India's international trade in terms of value of exports in US$ is as follows:-

	Exports	Imports
1994-95	18.4%	22.9%
1995-96	20.8%	28.0%
1996-97 (P)	4.1%	5.1%

The volume growth in India's international trade as reflected by the quantum index is available for the years 1994-95 & 1995-96 from the DGCI&S and gives the following growth rates:-

	Exports	Imports
1994-95	14.0%	24.0%
1995-96	31.1%	26.2%

(b) and (c) The Ministry is preparing a medium-term export strategy covering sectoral and directional strategy aspects including export diversification for achieving an accelerated export growth. The objective of medium-term strategy is to achieve sustained exports worth $75-90 billion by 2002 and to attain one per cent share of world exports. The strategy is based on extensive analysis of data and interaction with trade and industry.

Acquisition of Land

2671. SHRI ANIL BASU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether for the last several years, BCCL had been reporting that the plot No. 177 of Mouza Lodna, Distt. Dhanbad, did not belong to the Lodna colliery and is thus not a part of nationalised coal company and now it has been proved that this entire land belongs to Lodna Colliery and is thus a nationalised property;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken against such misreporting and depriving thereby the nation of its assets for so long; and

(c) the action taken to take possession of the said land and its property?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) In the year 1982, BCCL had reported that Plot No. 177 of Mouza Lodna over which the premises of Shalimar Tar Plant were situated was owned by M/s. Shalimar Tar Products Limited and not by Lodna Colliery of BCCL. This stand was based on the available papers/documents in possession of BCCL pertaining to the various lands which it inherited by virtue of nationalisation of coking coal mines.

Subsequently search for the relevant documents was carried out and it was revealed that Plot No. 177 was recorded in the name of erstwhile M/s. Turner Morrison and Co. Ltd. the Managing Agents of M/s. Lodna Colliery Co. Ltd. which was nationalised in 1971. Thus plot no. 177 stands vested with BCCL under relevant provisions of the Coking Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1971.

(b) The report of 1982 was based on the information available at that time. As the land records were not available readily, there was delay in finding out the status of the ownership of the land. As such this is not a case of misreporting.

(c) BCCL feild an eviction suit in 1991 vide case no. 101/91 in the Court of Estate Officer which was decided